

ESU #1 Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 5:30 PM, at ESU #1. **Present:** Josiah Boneschans, Jim Gunsolley, Mr. Tucker Hight, AJ Johnson, Sally Reinert, Julie Schamp, Susan Strahm, **Absent:** Tabitha Gilsdorf, Traci Haglund, Shannon Johnson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting, as shown below, in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary maintains a list of news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Directors, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Published and/or Posted Locations:

- Wayne Herald (Thursday before meeting date)
- Central Office Front Door (Friday before meeting date)
- Sparq (Friday before meeting date)

A. Notification of Open Meetings Law

At the beginning of the meeting, President AJ Johnson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting site and included electronically in the E-Meeting agenda.

B. Roll Call*

Motion by Susan Strahm, seconded by Sally Reinert, to excuse the absence of members: Traci Haglund, Shannon Johnson and Tabitha Gilsdorf. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans: For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 3

C. Consent Agenda*

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Mr. Tucker Hight, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided; August 8 Minutes, August Financial Reports, September bills of \$1,091,987.20, and the Administrator's report. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans:

For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 3

C.1. Previous Minutes (copy attached)

C.2. Financial Reports*

C.2.a. Revenue Report/Treasurer's Report

C.2.b. Cash Summary/Expenditure Report

C.3. Bills for September

C.4. Administrator's Monthly Report

C.4.a. ESU1 Superintendent and Principal Meetings

Administrator Heimann reported about the upcoming Superintendent and Principal Meetings hosted by ESU1.

C.4.b. ESU1 All-Staff Day

Administrator Heimann provided a summary of the All Staff Day survey results.

C.4.c. Facility Project Update

Administrator Heimann shared an update on the Central Office remodel project.

D. Public Comment

E. Authorize Grant Expenditures in September*

Motion by Susan Strahm, seconded by Jim Gunsolley, to approve the expenditure of additional grant funds in September not to exceed \$70,000. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans: For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 3

F. Approve 2023-2024 Budget*

Motion by Mr. Tucker Hight, seconded by Sally Reinert, to approve the 2023-24 budget as presented and published. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans: For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 3

G. Property Tax Request*

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of ESU # One passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of ESU # One resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:
General Fund: \$ 1,946,934.58
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.77 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.013665 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. ESU # One proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.015 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of ESU # One will increase last year's budget by 4.25 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Tucker Hight, seconded by Sally Reinert, to approve the resolution to set the 2023-24 property tax request. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans: For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 3

H. ESU1 Education Association Recognition as Bargaining Agent for Certified Staff*

Motion by Josiah Boneschans, seconded by Jim Gunsolley, to approve the recognition of the Educational Service Unit #1 Education Association as the bargaining agent for certificated staff for the 2024-25 contract year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans: For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 3

I. Consider and take all necessary action regarding the contract release request by Anne Ronhovde*

Motion by Jim Gunsolley, seconded by Mr. Tucker Hight, to deny the request by Anne Ronhovde to be released from her 2023-24 contract. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Tabitha Gilsdorf: Absent, Traci Haglund: Absent, Shannon Johnson: Absent, Josiah Boneschans: For, Jim Gunsolley: For, Mr. Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Julie Schamp: For, Susan Strahm: For
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J. State Education Conference

Administrator Heimann informed the board when the Nebraska State School Board's Association State Education Conference is being held.

K. NASB Board Leadership Visit

NASB representative requests attendance at the October meeting.

L. Personnel*

L.1. Consider, discuss, and take necessary action on employee contracts and personnel changes.

L.1.a. Resignation(s)

L.1.b. New Hire(s)

L.1.c. Contract Change(s)

L.1.d. Termination(s)

M. Adjournment

As there were no additional Agenda items to discuss, President AJ Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Brittney Hampl, Recording Secretary

Susan Strahm, Board Secretary